

# **Eighteen New Age Lies – An Occult Attack on Christianity**

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Followers of New Age movements do not regard themselves as practitioners of the occult, but they are. In this paper I will set out what I see as the worst lies told by these movements and the threat they pose to Christians.

After 33 years as a member of a New Age movement, I have learned from hard experience that none of these movements are what they seem. Let me explain how they work.

## **The Great Work**

Witches, Masons, Rosicrucians, Cabalists and other leading practitioners of the occult decided in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century that, if they were to increase their influence in society, they would have to present their beliefs in a disguised form. So they formulated a plan known as the Great Work. By implementing the Great Work they hoped to lure Christians into accepting beliefs which, had they been presented in their true form, would have been rejected out of hand as the work of Satan.

The Great Work led to many innovative ways of spreading occult ideas. These included hypnotism (or Mesmerism), spiritualism (séances), the Theosophy of Helena Blavatsky, the Anthroposophy of Rudolph Steiner, Wicca, Darwinian Evolution, Freudian psychology, the Society of Psychical Research, and the endowment of academic chairs to investigate the paranormal. Stronger links were forged between the main branches of Freemasonry (which purports to accept Christianity but is actually based on Egyptian magic and the worship of Lucifer, the Light-bearer). Many influential works were ‘channeled’ from demonic sources by willing human puppets. These included Helena Blavatsky, Alice Bailey, Rudolph Steiner, Aleister Crowley, Joan Grant, Edgar Cayce, G I Gurdjieff, Ron Hubbard and Paul Twitchell. Especially influential were the works of Madame Blavatsky, on which most of the ideas of the New Age movement are based.

The plan behind the Great Work also included the creation of pseudo Christian churches to lure true Christians away from the unadulterated teachings of the Bible. These included the Mormons (founded by a practising Mason, Joseph Smith) and the Jehovah’s Witnesses (founded by Charles Taze Russell, a high level Mason). The work of Edgar Cayce also falls into this bracket since he purported to be a follower of Christ, when in fact he was channeling demonic ideas which were completely at variance with the teachings of the Bible. The ‘sleeping prophet’ was a mouthpiece for heresy and deception, though he did not recognise this himself. To that extent, he differed from Blavatsky and Crowley, who were fully conscious of their connection with Lucifer.

The plan also included a broad attack on mainstream Christianity. Protestant men were lured into joining the local Masonic lodge, generally on the pretext that it would improve their social standing and business connections. This got spectacular results. For example, virtually the entire leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention is now controlled by the Masons.

A different approach was taken with the Catholics. They were presented with a new deity, the Queen of Heaven. The elevation of the earthly mother of Jesus to the status of a Goddess was achieved in 1854 when the Pope officially declared that she was born completely without sin and lived in a totally sinless state throughout her life – which virtually put her on a par with Jesus. This was reinforced by another formal Papal declaration in 1950 that she ascended bodily into heaven. Since goddess worship is central to paganism and witchcraft, this was a major coup.

### **The Occult disguised as New Age**

The founder of Scientology, Ron Hubbard, was a practising Satanist and tried to raise powerful demons through a series of ceremonial magical rites that he conducted with the famous Satanist, Jack Parsons. Parsons himself studied magic under the most notorious black magician of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Aleister Crowley. During a magical rite, Crowley became possessed by the demon of Horus while on a trip to Egypt in 1904. This demon called itself Aiwaz. Over a period of several years the demon strengthened its grip until it had Crowley under his complete control. Working through Crowley via the occult technique known as channeling, the demon produced a number of major works on black magic, including *The Book of the Law* and *The Book of Lies*. These Satanic books have been consulted avidly ever since by students of the occult, most of whom try to raise demons through the rites of ceremonial magic.

The founder of Eckankar, Paul Twitchell, was a close associate of Hubbard and long-time student of the occult. Twitchell plagiarised all of his teachings from a variety of sources, mainly the Radhasoami and Sant Mat paths of Northern India, while repeatedly asserting that they were completely original and that he had been ‘chosen’ to reveal them. One longstanding critic of Eckankar, Professor David Lane, has described Twitchell as a “pathological liar.”

The path of Wicca is nothing more than traditional demonic witchcraft presented in a sugar-coated form, while the various Angel cults, which are so popular among New Age followers, are all designed to bring their practitioners under the influence of demonic entities in the guise of angelic beings. Reiki is presented as an Oriental healing modality, when in fact it is an initiatory path whose practitioners channel an occult force that is potentially harmful.

Both ‘A Course in Miracles’ and ‘The Power of Now’ – both of which are strongly promoted by celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey – are profoundly occult. However, their occult content is very cleverly disguised. Many Christians mistakenly believe they can ‘study’ these works and not be adversely affected. What is more, they are being told that such works are compatible with Christianity. The truth is that they are not. The ‘god’ of both ‘A Course in Miracles’ and ‘The Power of Now’ is Lucifer.

The Great Work has been very successful. It has got millions of decent people to accept a range of beliefs and practices which draw them away from the all-powerful protection of Christ. The most zealous followers, who practice meditation, contemplation, creative visualization or 'spiritual' healing, are going even further and exposing themselves to supernatural influences which are demonic in origin and potentially very dangerous.

### **The Force**

It might be helpful at this stage to make some additional points of a general nature regarding the occult. By various arcane means, all of its practitioners are trying to manipulate The Force. Those who work at 'white' magic, as they call it, are focusing on the Luciferian or light side of the Force, while those who practice black magic are working with the darker, Satanic element. However, spiritually it is *all* magic and *all* harmful. There is no such thing as 'white' magic, just magic. The Force is a single entity, thus *everything* to do with the Force is completely within Satan's domain.

Some Wiccans claim that they never cast evil spells or work with Satan. However, any practising Wiccan who sincerely believes this is a fool. They forget that every spell is a product of darkness or the dark light of Lucifer. All claims upon The Force must be paid for and Satan will exact his toll in full measure at his leisure. Remember, his ultimate objective is to enslave *all* who practice magic, in any form, white or black.

Members of certain cults were thrilled when the movie series, *Star Wars*, first appeared (in 1977), since it depicted The Force as the key spiritual reality of the universe. They were taught to believe by the so-called 'masters' that The Force and the Holy Spirit were one and the same! (A former, high level member of the Illuminati, John Todd, stated that all of the actors on *Star Wars* had to prove they were members of a witch coven. When witches leave after a coven meeting, they bid farewell to one another with the words, "The Force be with you!")

We will shortly discuss how the New Age movement tries to disguise and present The Force as equivalent to, or identical with, the Holy Spirit – a truly demonic deception that has done immense harm to Christianity.

### **The Dark Light of Lucifer**

The so-called light of Lucifer, the Light-bearer, is the false light that Jesus warned about when he said: "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23)

The Bible is perfectly clear about the dangers of magic in any form and warns against it in the strongest possible terms:

There shall not be found among you...that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. (Deuteronomy 18:10-13)

Note that an 'observer of times' is an astrologer, an 'enchanter' is a hypnotist and caster of spells, and a 'necromancer' is a medium. Anyone who follows an 'ascended master' is consulting with a familiar spirit and engaging in necromancy, communication with the dead. Anyone who follows a so-called 'living master' is associating with a wizard and an enchanter.

Christians forget that (a) Satan is real, (b) he is more active today than ever before and (c) he can present himself as an angel of light:

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

### **Meditation, Contemplation and Self-hypnosis**

Before looking at the principal lies of the New Age movement, we should pause for a moment to examine the way demonic entities operate. They are not a uniform breed but comprise many varieties, based on power and hierarchical position. Some seem to specialise, but all act as psychic parasites, drawing energy from their victims or controlling them in some manner or other. One of the easiest ways to open oneself to a demon is through the use of a Ouija board, but few people realise that every time they frequent a psychic or a medium they are exposing themselves to a dark influence.

Equally, by inviting The Force to work through him, a person who meditates or contemplates regularly is allowing a subtle malignancy to enter his life. This is often sold to the unwary as a 'spirit guide' – which it is! Unfortunately, most people assume it is a higher being working for their benefit, instead of a cunning entity commencing a slow process of infiltration which can span several decades.

Regular meditation or contemplation also weaken one's spiritual defences in the dream state, where one is more vulnerable to suggestion and indoctrination, as well as psychic attack.

Please understand that meditation is not prayer. Neither are contemplation or yoga. In reality, they are all designed to open psychic centres or chakras in the body. Remember, The Force is NOT the Holy Spirit. There is no 'technique' for 'attracting' the Holy Spirit. Christian prayer is not a technique but something entirely different. Christians who are being told otherwise are being sold a lie by the New Age movement.

### **Fallen Angels try to work through New Age 'Masters'**

If you are familiar with the New Testament you will know that Jesus spent a large part of his ministry casting out demons. He even cast out seven devils from one of his disciples, Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9). He also gave his disciples the power to do so in his name. No spiritual teacher who ever lived could cast out demons. Only Jesus has the power to do so, and by extension true Christians acting in his name. This alone should make all Christians think very carefully about the wonderful gift they have as members of the church of Christ. They are protected!

Practitioners of magic try to gain influence over powerful demons. They then direct these demons to serve them in a variety of ways. Masons in the higher degrees are keen to affix themselves to powerful 'angelic' spirits of this kind. In their ignorance, they are falling into a deadly trap. Angels of the Lord serve the Lord, they don't serve man. The so-called 'angelic' spirits contacted by the Masons are actually demons. These demons merely co-operate with their hosts in order to extend their influence in this world. If necessary, they grant 'experiences', 'bliss' or other worldly benefits to their hosts in order to maintain and deepen their hold over them.

Senior members of many New Age movements have undergone a series of 'initiations' to open themselves to the 'light.' Alas, this light is the dark light of Lucifer. The leaders who profess to be 'Spiritual Masters' are actually possessed by demons, dark spirits or psychic entities. The more 'powerful' or advanced masters are actually under the direct control of fallen angels. This is how these servants of Satan exercise control in this world.

### **The Way Contemplation, Meditation and Yoga take control of the individual**

This is why the New Age movement as a whole is steeped in meditative and contemplative techniques, yogic exercises, and rhythmic chants – they all serve to bring the subject under the influence of a controlling supernatural force. Most readers will likely know someone who became schizophrenic after commencing a meditative regime, lapsed into depression or otherwise adopted an abnormal pattern of behaviour. These are among the more obvious victims of New Age practices. Less obvious are those who persist for years in a state of psychic dependency until, at some point, their aura opens and some form of controlling entity slips in.

Why don't you see books about this in the bookstores? Because the big publishing houses are controlled by the same people who are trying to bring about a New World Order. The last thing they want is a greater public awareness of the dangers of psychic invasion, channeling, mediumship and demonic possession. More recently, good books have begun to appear by Christian pastors engaged in the ministry of Deliverance. During deliverance these men of God recite passages from the Bible, the very word of God, and command all demons to leave the troubled person in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Even hard core Satanists have been saved through their ministry. This is why practitioners of the occult, as well as most New Agers, hate and fear the Bible, often without knowing why. There is evidence that the version of the Bible that they hate the most because of its effectiveness in driving out demons, is the King James Bible of 1611.

It's ironic that demons recognize the word of God, while New Agers don't!

### **The cunning heresies of the New Age movement**

The New Age movement is actually a cohesive network of groups and organisations working toward a common goal. It is a clever way of luring Christians away from Christ by slowly inducing them to believe a range of ideas which are essentially pagan. Much of it is dressed up in attractive attire and made to seem very cute and very logical. While the various groups and organisations may appear to have sprung up spontaneously in various countries and at different times, with no obvious connection, they are actually part of a single plan.

Most New Age groups are funded, at least initially, by Masonic financiers and other wealthy practitioners of the occult. Collectively they want to destroy Christianity and pave the way for the Maitreya, the New Age Messiah (known to Christians as the Antichrist).

In *Initiation: Human and Solar* (1922), the Theosophist Alice Bailey, one of most influential occult figures of the 20th century, stated the aim of the plan as follows:

"Very definitely may the assurance be given here that, prior to the coming of the Christ [i.e. the Antichrist], adjustments will be made so that at the head of all great organizations will be found either a Master, or an initiate who has taken the third initiation. At the head of certain of the great occult groups, of the Freemasons of the world, and of the various great divisions of the church, and resident in many of the great nations will be found initiates or Masters." [p.61-62]

### **Eighteen New Age Lies**

While they may differ among themselves in a number of superficial ways, every New Age movement subscribes to most, if not all, of the following beliefs:

#### **Lie #1: Man can become a god.**

This is one of the most prevalent New Age beliefs, a kind of rallying cry. Just as Lucifer is trying to dethrone God, he wants his followers to believe that they too can become gods. This conflicts violently with Christianity. Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden because they wanted to become gods. The Bible gives this as the sole reason for the Fall of man:

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:4-5)

That’s the New Age philosophy in a nutshell! The promise of immortality, illumination, and godhood! Jesus came to earth to save man from this ghastly delusion, the ultimate Satanic lie.

Note how the Devil says their ‘eyes’ will be opened. This is the old occult promise to open one’s Third Eye, while “knowing good and evil” means to understand how the dualistic force operates. Magicians seek this knowledge in order to be able to manipulate The Force.

#### **Lie #2: The Force is the Holy Spirit**

This is one of the most subversive New Age beliefs, a truly appalling lie. Through it, Christians are lured into neglecting their relationship with God and trusting instead to a range of ‘techniques’ which connect them with The Force. They are told that this is the modern way to have the Holy Spirit in one’s life and that the old ways are outmoded, suited more to the needs, they say, of a backward desert tribe. Gradually new adherents are induced to give up prayer, the very means the LORD has given us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and protect us from the power of darkness.



**Lie #3: God is impersonal**

This is a very cunning belief. By asserting that God is so vast and so incomprehensible that no puny human could possibly know Him, they make Him seem impossibly remote. Instead, they say, God has sent us angels, masters, god-men and spirit guides to show us the way and lead us from our puny human state into the high planes of God, where we too will become gods.

This pernicious teaching is totally at variance with what God has revealed to us through his word, the Holy Bible. The truth is that God is *personal*. As the prophet has written, “Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?” (Jeremiah 23:23).

**Lie #4: Everything evolves, including Soul**

This is a highly seductive belief since, if presented in the right way, it can be made to seem supremely logical. It goes hand in hand with the principles of reincarnation and karma (which we will discuss below).

Charles Darwin developed this idea in his famous book, *The Origin of Species* (1859), but was supposedly reluctant to publish it, in part because he knew that the idea of evolution could have no validity without a mechanism to transmit beneficial mutations from one generation to the next. This was ‘solved’ in the 20<sup>th</sup> century through the science of genetics, which argues that species evolve through chance mutations which confer some environmental advantage and are thus retained and passed on to future generations. The huge hole in all of this is that deleterious, non-fatal mutations, being infinitely more plentiful, would find their way into the genetic pool as well, leading over time to the *deterioration* of a species!

It also ignores the truly staggering variety of forms that are possible from the very same set of genes – look at the morphological and behavioural variety among canines! Evolutionists also conveniently ignore the extremely important role played in the expression of phenotypes by the operation of environmental triggers. In short, the ‘science’ of evolution is really a religious belief, sponsored by groups who are intensely hostile to Christianity and determined to eliminate the need for a Creator.

Soul does not evolve. It was perfect just as God made it. However, the New Age gurus are keen to preach that Soul is evolving since it gives them ample scope to dupe the unwary and bring thousands under their control.

Some New Agers believe that animals are Soul too. This is just another trick to make men and women forget that they are made in the image and likeness of God. Some cults push this lie very strongly and even encourages telepathic communication with animals – a common practice in witchcraft.

**Lie #5: Karma and Reincarnation are basic laws of life**

These are really two lies, but we will take them together since they are normally sold as a package by the New Age movement. Karma is the belief that every human action generates a perfectly matching reaction that curves through the space-time continuum and comes back to us at some future date. They like to quote a Biblical dictum in support of this, namely, that “We reap what we sow.”

However, the Bible was not speaking about karma but about the judgement of God! (The full Biblical verse is: “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” – Galations 6:7.)

The concept of karma is nothing more than a cunning attempt to entangle Soul in the laws of physics and thus make followers believe they are dependent on the guru for their release.

New Agers like to cite karma as the law of personal responsibility, when in reality it is the opposite, a mechanism which allows someone to behave as he pleases, in the full knowledge that at some future date everything will balance out and no fundamental harm has been done.

Since New Agers believe the law of karma could not operate to full effect over the course of a single lifetime, they propose a long series of lives over which Soul ‘matures’ and works off its bad karma. The end result, supposedly, of this long evolutionary process is God-Realization, the great illumination in which Soul finally becomes a god. Reincarnation is therefore marketed as a flawless mechanism of self-perfection, whereby the immaturities and defects in an individual are gradually refined and eliminated. This beguiling philosophy is designed to ensure that no one makes a serious effort toward their personal salvation since, as New Agers argue, everyone is saved from the outset, so who needs a Saviour? Again, Lucifer is achieving a major objective when he gets someone to accept this sinister philosophy.

The New Age movement has tried various ways to market reincarnation among Christians. Chief among these is hypnotic regression, where the subject is placed in a trance-like state and induced to remember episodes from his ‘past lives.’ This is an extremely clever trick since hypnosis, by its nature, exposes the subject to demonic influences. The implantation of ‘memories’ is thus easy to achieve.

New Agers also like to cite cases of children who recall their past lives. This is highly disingenuous since children are very suggestible and liable to accept all kinds of myths and stories as part of their personal reality. If they are members of a family with a leaning toward the occult, the child may also be exposed to unclean spirits and implanted with ‘memories’ based on verifiable fact.

It is worth noting that the great architect behind most New Age philosophies, Madame Blavatsky, did not herself assert the principle of reincarnation in her first major work, *Isis Unveiled*. If the fact of reincarnation is such a central tenet of New Age thinking, then why was it not mentioned even once in that monumental tome (over 1470 pages)? The reason is simple – it had not yet been identified (in 1877) as an important ingredient in the toxic brew which Lucifer was preparing for the unwary.

If you have any doubt about Blavatsky’s allegiance to the rule of Lucifer, you might like to note that the name she gave to her theosophical magazine was *Lucifer* and that the publishing house established by her disciples to propagate her works was initially called Lucifer Publishing Company (later changed to Lucis Trust). Her books, *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine* are riddled with Luciferian philosophy.



People foolishly think they can draw nourishment from certain New Age beliefs, in combination with their Christian faith, but this is not possible. As the Bible says, “Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?” (James 3:11). If a movement is Luciferian in any particular, it is Luciferian all the way through.

#### **Lie #6: Everything is connected**

All of these New Age lies are artfully contrived, but perhaps none are quite as cunning as this one. While it may appear innocent enough, it is steeped in venom.

On the surface it means that everything in the universe is connected in a tangible, albeit subtle way to everything else. This is sometimes described as a great sea of consciousness. However, when carried to its logical conclusion, it means also that heaven and hell are bound together, and that good and evil are somehow wrought from the same fabric.

This is exactly what Lucifer wants Christians to think. Not only will this sow confusion, but it will cause the unwary to wander into dark realms in the mistaken belief that the so-called connectedness of everything will allow them to wander back out again. It is designed to deceive people into believing that separation from God is impossible. And if it is impossible, then why do you need a Saviour? See how cleverly it works!

#### **Lie #7: Jesus had the Christ Consciousness**

Jesus did not have the Christ consciousness – he was (and is) the Christ. He was (and is) fully God and fully man. By trying to separate Jesus from his divinity, the New Agers are being extremely devious. On the one hand they appear to acknowledge Jesus as a special messenger from God (a major demotion, of course, but a gracious concession nonetheless), placing him on a par with other prominent figures in religious history. In this way, the Christ ‘consciousness’ becomes a state accessible by anyone with the right degree of spiritual attainment.

This is such an obvious piece of chicanery that every Christian should see through it immediately. But, alas, many do not.

You will notice how the Redeemer is being continually undermined by the New Age movement. Firstly, with reincarnation, no one needs to be saved since everyone, they allege, is in the process of saving themselves. Then, if that is not enough, the ‘connectedness’ of everything ensures that no one is permanently separated from God, again making the Saviour unnecessary. Next, to top it all, any number of super-evolved Souls can enter the Christ ‘consciousness’ and thereby render Jesus redundant.

Do you not smell the stink of Lucifer in all of this?!

#### **Lie #8: Ascended Masters will lead us to God**

This trick is related to Lie #7. According to New Age philosophy, an Ascended Master is a personage on the inner planes who has reached the highest stage of spiritual unfoldment and is authorised by God to guide Souls on the ‘physical plane.’ These Souls are generally told that they are the chosen ones.

These Ascended Masters sometimes ‘channel’ their teachings through their leading disciples here on earth, who commit them to writing for use by the movement as a whole. Some of these discarnate imposters even claim to be more spiritually elevated than Jesus and, in some cases, to have helped Jesus with his ‘training.’ When it comes to Ascended Masters, it seems no falsehood is too outrageous.

Many New Age gurus claim to have already reached the lofty state of ‘God-Consciousness.’ The living ‘godman’ will often claim to have an assortment of ascended masters who work with him and communicate with his disciples during meditation/contemplation or in their dreams.

What can one say about all of this? It seems people leave their common sense at home when they go looking for truth. Once you fall under the ‘spell’ of a guru, you are quite literally under a spell. This is a major reason why followers of New Age paths never seriously consider the possibility that the ‘ascended masters’ they revere could just as easily be demons in disguise.

New Agers may counter that exactly the same criticism may be made of Catholics who pray to the saints or to the Virgin Mary. Could these supernatural beings have a demonic origin as well? The answer is – of course! New Agers are violating the instruction we received from Jesus, namely, that when we pray we should pray only to Our Father who is in heaven. The Virgin Mary is often presented by the Catholic Church as a valid mediator between man and God the Father. This undermines the unique role of Jesus as our Redeemer and lures the faithful into worshipping the same goddess worshipped by pagans and witches (One former high-level witch has stated that Catholics switch so easily into witchcraft because they already worship the goddess). To that extent the Catholic Church, in its Marian form, is part of the New Age movement and will likely play a central role in the coming One World Religion.

### **Lie #9: All religions are valid**

This is usually marketed as a principle of tolerance to which any true lover of God should subscribe. New Agers like to dismiss fundamentalist Christians as crackpots who live in the past and lack the spiritual vision needed to see that all religions are valid. They say God has sent many great teachers, across a wide spectrum of religious traditions, to lead Soul back to its true home. The variety of belief systems, they claim, is designed to cater to the needs of individuals and the many different ‘states of consciousness’ that exist among the people of all nations.

This is another clever stratagem. It tries to make you feel stupid for being orthodox, for sticking to your narrow, introverted, exclusive beliefs. How can you be so arrogant as to claim that Christianity is the only true path to God? This is exactly the kind of intolerance, they say, that leads to hostility and wars. No matter how the argument is put, the bottom line is always the same – if you are truly spiritual, you cannot be an orthodox, Bible-carrying Christian.

This is taken to an extreme degree by some champions of the New Age who contend that the world would be a better place if Christianity, or as they often call it, monotheistic religion, were removed from the face of the earth. One author, James Hillman, who has written over twenty books in support of the New Age movement, even went so far as to state the following at the conclusion of *A Terrible Love of War* (2004):

“I have tried to expose the unacknowledged force of Ares/Mars within Christianity even since its origins. The historical and psychological truth must be acknowledged, else the hypocrisy in the depths of Christianity keep its believers ignorant of the wrath of the Lamb [*Jesus Christ*] in which they place their trust. Only a contrite awakening to Christianity’s hypocrisy in regard to peace and war could release a new dispensation, a new reformation to rid monotheistic religion of its roots in war and the roots of war in monotheistic religion.”

The message is very clear, that Christianity is basically a violent religion and that the world cannot advance to a new dispensation (i.e. the New Age) until this violent religion is put in its place. Hillman is not alone in this belief. It is held by all who lead and co-ordinate the worldwide New Age movement.

### **Lie #10: Initiations are needed to advance spiritually**

The New Age movement places great importance on initiations. The use of initiations has always been central to magic, Gnosticism, the Cabala and Masonry. For example, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has 33 ‘degrees’ or initiations (plus more beyond that for the super-elite), Reiki normally has three and Wicca has three, while Eckankar has fourteen. Scientology does not appear to use the word ‘initiation’ but nevertheless has several levels of progression which correspond with levels of initiation. Virtually every New Age path has at least one initiation and most have multiple levels depending on one’s progress and commitment. Often the promise of another, higher initiation is used as a carrot to hold followers and draw them further under the psychic control of the guru.

The moment a Christian takes an initiation into one of these paths, he weakens himself spiritually. Even TM is initiatory, involving a religious rite in which the applicant becomes a devotee, however obliquely, of a minor Hindu deity. Many groups try to present these rites as purely token or ceremonial in nature, with no real spiritual dimension. But they have! All initiations are a contract with The Force.

Christian Baptism is not an initiation but an immersion in the Holy Spirit. It has nothing whatever to do with The Force.

Any Christian who takes an initiation destroys his ability to offer effectual prayer. Even if he never engages in any occult activity ever again, he has almost certainly been neutralised as a servant of the LORD. The best way to deal with this is to renounce the initiation, preferably in writing, and participate in a Renewal of Baptism ceremony.

If you still have doubts about the Luciferian thrust of the New Age movement, consider the following quotation by David Spangler, one of its leading spokesmen:

“No one will be allowed to enter the New Age unless he or she takes a Luciferic initiation...When man entered the pathway of self, he entered into a great creative adventure, of learning the meaning of divinity by accepting himself. The being that helps him reach that point is Lucifer, the angel of man’s evolution...Lucifer is an agent of God’s love...Christ is the same force as Lucifer...Lucifer prepares man for the experience of Christhood. Lucifer works within each of us to bring us to wholeness as we move into the New Age.” – *Reflections on the Christ*

That was written in 1977, when the New Age movement was less careful to disguise its sinister Luciferian agenda. The architects of most New Age cults take care to hide this and probably regret that Spangler, Bailey, Blavatsky and others were so outspoken about the central role that Lucifer plays in their whole philosophy.

If there are three words that summarise the New Age Movement, they are *Deception! Deception! Deception!*

**Lie #11: The Aquarian Age marks the dawn of a higher consciousness on earth**

This is another attractive fallacy. It offers hope to anyone enslaved by materialism. However the proposed golden age, which is meant to appear with a major shift in the astrological clock, is just a trick. The many books promoting the so-called Harmonic Convergence of 2012 are weaving a web of illusion. The grand architects of the New Age deception know that, if they flood the market with enough books purporting to prove that a new golden age is about to begin, it will gradually gain acceptance. And it has.

There is a further reason why this idea is being pushed so hard. The Illuminati are preparing the way for their New Age Messiah, whom they sometimes call the Maitreya. They want to portray this as the Second Coming of Christ and induce Christians everywhere to accept initiation into their one-world religion. This initiation will be poison for all followers of Christ who submit to it.

If you are familiar with the Bible and the prophecies in the Book of Revelation, you will recognise this figure, the ‘New Age Messiah,’ as the Antichrist. All the indications are that this End Time scenario is unfolding before us and that a dreadful series of events is set to begin sometime soon (Stage One, the deliberate destruction of the world financial system, is already under way).

The Bible makes it very clear that these events will come to pass. Jesus himself did not know when they would commence, so he asked that all who follow him be ever vigilant: “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels that are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father...And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.” (Mark 13:32-37). Alas, very few Christians today are actually doing as Jesus instructed.

**Lie #12: The concept of evil is out of date**

Most members of New Age groups are taught to believe that the Biblical concept of evil is old-fashioned, and possibly even harmful. Instead, they claim that everything must balance, that order must always flow from disorder, and that every evil act is ultimately transmuted into an outcome that reflects the beneficent will of God. The idea of absolute evil, they say, is concocted by the monotheistic religions to reinforce the fearful grip that they exercise over their members. In their philosophy, a truly benign God would never allow evil of this kind to exist.

But it does! Lucifer is not just a fallen angel, but a fallen member of the cherubim. He possessed colossal power in the realms of heaven and chose to rebel. His will is opposed to that of God in every respect and is therefore evil in the darkest possible sense.

Some New Age groups even try to present Satan as an agent appointed by God to test Soul and put it through the rigors of purification needed to enter the high worlds of God. This is a very clever swindle indeed since it completely blinds the seeker to the depth and wickedness of Satan's plan.

Despite the grisly evidence of evil throughout the world, New Agers still persist in their naive belief that evil is purely relative. This, without doubt, is a triumph for Satan. What better disguise could he ask for!

**Lie #13: Personal experience is superior to faith**

On the surface this proposition may seem very logical. After all, how much better it is to witness an event for oneself than to accept someone else's testimony. This is all very fine in the mundane world, but in the realm of spirituality it can be devastating. It is effectively an invitation to the seeker to interpret truth for himself and to measure it in accordance with his own standards. The student is being asked to serve as his own teacher, to pick and accept the elements of truth that appeal to him and to discard the rest. He is also encouraged to listen to the 'inner master,' his 'inner voice' or his 'higher self' and to interpret truth on the basis of dreams or images revealed to him in meditation or contemplation. Can you see where this is leading?

Most of what we generate from within ourselves, without the grace of God to direct us, is self-indulgent nonsense – at best. As the prophet said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

Frankly, Satan doesn't care what you believe, as long as it is not in the Holy Bible.

The purpose of revelation, as set out in the Bible, is to provide a firm spiritual foundation for the individual. The LORD has provided this for our well-being and protection. If one has an 'experience' which is at variance with the revealed word of God, then it is dangerous and should be ignored. There is no truth in it. The New Age movement, on the other hand, would argue that such experiences are vital for our 'spiritual unfoldment' and should be pursued since they lead to self-mastery (another popular New Age term).

This deceitful proposition is the basis for the claim by nearly every New Age movement that it has ‘something for everyone.’ In reality, it is all part of the marketing exercise, the promotion of a supernatural supermarket where those who are hungry for truth are bound to find something to please them. And it works.

The great proliferation of groups, each with its own particular blend of New Age ideas, will ensure that the seeker is convinced he is making a mature and informed decision when he chooses from among the many enticing New Age goodies on offer.

**Lie #14: The Bible was just the holy book of some desert tribes**

This lie is closely related to lie #13. It tries to present truth, or the *expression* of truth, as an evolving reality. This means it must be renewed and updated every few hundred years to meet the changing consciousness of society. The New Age movement depicts the Biblical prophets as men of limited vision who focused mainly on a few ideas and ignored or overlooked the full breadth of spirituality that the New Age mystics and masters are now bringing to the world. In other words, just as Israel had its prophets, so too has the modern world.

Yet another seemingly logical proposition. It plays on the endless human appetite for novelty and innovation, not to mention our vanity. After all, given the higher consciousness in which we are now meant to dwell relative to the primitive tribesmen of old Judea, why shouldn’t God send even more prophets and ‘masters’ to present truth to us in a more expanded form?

This trick has been considerably reinforced by modern Biblical scholarship and ‘higher criticism’ which have produced a vast quantity of literature designed to show that the books of the Bible were written by fallible men, a product of their times, riddled with inconsistencies and shaped by many factors other than divine inspiration. This has led in turn to the production of umpteen versions of the Bible and countless authoritative interpretations of key passages.

This confusion has been further compounded by the importation of material from so-called ‘Christian’ Gnosticism, such as the Nag Hammadi and Dead Sea Scrolls.

Again the stink of Lucifer should be evident in all of this. He cannot destroy the word of God but he can sow confusion. So his acolytes, many with links to Masonry and the German Enlightenment of the 19th century, embarked on a clever campaign of disinformation. The New Age movement has successfully spread this confusion among a wider audience and used it to undermine the Christian community.

John Todd, a leading member of the Illuminati who defected in the early 1970s, passed on considerable information about their internal operations, their ruthless methods and their vicious agenda – which includes the destruction of Christianity. He reported that the one thing these people really fear is a Baptist preacher! Armed with the most potent weapon imaginable, the King James Bible, he fearlessly proclaims the word of God. As a devoted disciple of Jesus, he causes those who are demon-possessed or demon-controlled to tremble.



This is why the New Age movement was created and funded by the Illuminati, to draw as many Christians away from their faith as they possibly can. Their ultimate goal is to induce true Christians to take the New Age initiation en masse from the Antichrist and thus nullify their ability to offer effectual prayer. At that point the demons will start to reveal themselves in their true colours, to terrorise nations and wreak havoc across the world. They will revel in the carnage and destruction they have unleashed, believing – wrongly! – that they have won.

**Lie #15: The God of the Old Testament is a negative, authoritarian figure**

This lie works on the principle that, if you accept it, then by definition you are accepting that the God of the New Testament is also a negative figure, since they are the *same* God. On the other hand, if you try to sidestep this by stating that they are really two separate Gods, then you have invalidated the whole of the Old Testament and rejected the Bible as the revealed word of God.

This trick is especially effective with Christians who seldom if ever read their Bible – if they even have one. Anyone who bothers to study the Old Testament will know how patient, forgiving and kind the LORD, our Creator, truly is. As the prophet said, “The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

The LORD of the Old Testament is not a cold, authoritarian figure, but Theosophy, Eckankar and various other cults try to teach otherwise. Christians who are attracted by New Age beliefs are being slowly tricked into accepting lies of this kind. They are interwoven so subtly through their various teachings that unsuspecting enquirers swallow one after another without ever detecting that something truly sinister is afoot. Before long, more insidious lies become strangely self-evident and they swallow them as well.

The whole programme of New Age deception has been designed to work in this way.

**Lie #16: It is wrong to pray for another person without their permission**

This trick is intended to disarm Christians and prevent them from using effectual prayer. According to the New Age movement, you are interfering with another person’s state of consciousness when you pray for them without their permission! This treats prayer as something akin to a magic spell or a mental affirmation, instead of a request to the LORD to bestow His grace on part of His creation. Prayer is fundamental to Christianity, so an attack on prayer is basically an attempt to prevent Christians from serving Christ.

**Lie #17: Creative visualisation is the key to spiritual freedom**

No, it isn’t. Creative visualisation, which is taught by most New Age paths, is the opposite of prayer. This false principle, which is tied to Lie #1 (man can become a god), enslaves all who use it. Creative visualisation is really an attempt to manipulate The Force, a type of white magic. To make it more effective, the subject is also taught to ‘empty his mind.’ An empty mind is exactly what Lucifer wants – it gives him more room to work. This is why people who meditate or contemplate regularly are unwittingly leaving themselves open to occult influences and psychic attack.

Many cults tell their followers to go beyond the mind, surrender their will, and be truly creative. This cynical indoctrination really means: Stop using your common sense and accept as real any images or thoughts that the guru or 'master' impresses on your mind. This is an ancient method of mind control, as effective today as it was in the occult world of Babylon and Egypt.

**Lie #18: Opening one's chakras enables Spirit to enter**

No, no, no. This is an dreadful lie. No one should open any of his or her chakras for any reason. All such openings allow psychic entities to enter. This is why the puppet-masters behind the New Age movement are so keen to get people to open one of their chakras. This danger applies as much to the Third Eye and Crown chakras as it does to any of the lower chakras. The Holy Spirit does not need a chakra to enter the body! The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ does not need a chakra to sanctify and protect us.

So who does need an open chakra? The answer should be obvious – Lucifer.

The same cunning trick is also used by the New Age movement to damage one's aura, to create a tear or a fault line that the dark force can use to gain access. This is often done under the guise of so-called spiritual healing such as that practised by Reiki.

**Closing Comments**

If you are a member of a New Age group, please reflect carefully on the material in this paper. If you want to worship Lucifer, that's your business. But if you have been lured into worshipping him in disguise, without your knowledge or consent, then you owe it to yourself to establish the facts!

We are living in an age where false prophets abound. Jesus warned us many times of the dangers, of the wolves disguised as sheep to deceive and devour us. The greatest mistake we could ever make is to imagine that Satan has given up his plan to destroy Christianity. There is no lie he will not tell to achieve this goal. He knows that the more lies he tells, the more likely you are to find a few that will appeal to you – that's his philosophy, and it has been incredibly successful. The New Age deception is among his finest achievements.

Remember, this is not a game. Your spiritual well-being is at stake.

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**Appendix A: Some dangerous and potentially harmful New Age books**

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## APPENDIX A

### **Some dangerous and potentially harmful New Age books**

Please note that this Appendix is designed only to give a flavour of the range of New Age books available and the variety of ways in which New Age ideas are being packaged to trap the unwary. Remember, all New Age authors are following Lucifer in one form or another.

Deception is the name of the game!

This list is far from complete. The number of New Age gurus, masters, sages, savants, initiates and so forth has been growing at a great rate over the past twenty years or so. The ones who are most dangerous, however, are not the most unconventional or bizarre but, oddly, the ones who approximate most closely to Christianity. By seeming to be innocuous, with a kindly aura of sweetness and light, they deceive the greatest number of people.

Remember, Satan can appear as an angel of Light! This is why his followers often refer to him as Lucifer, the Light Bearer.

So be very, very discerning. The New Age movement is adding to its tricks all the time. Before long we will likely see laser displays in the sky, a spate of celestial apparitions, and startling UFO-type phenomena as the Illuminati – the puppet-masters behind the New Age movement – prepare the way for the Antichrist.

No true Christian should have anything to do with any of the following authors or paths:

*The Power of Now* by Eckhart Tolle  
*A Course in Miracles* by Helen Schucman and William Thetford  
*The Age of Miracles* by Marianne Williamson

All books by, or which teach or espouse, the following:

**Psychic communication with animals**  
**Mediumship and communication with the dead**  
**Enneagram**  
**Cabala**  
**Freemasonry**  
**Theosophy**  
**Rudolph Steiner**  
**Alistair Crowley**  
**Helena Blavatsky / Annie Besant / Alice Bailey**  
**Benjamin Creme / David Spangler / James Hillman**  
**G I Gurdjieff / P D Ouspensky / J G Bennett**  
**Edgar Cayce**  
**Marianne Williamson**  
**Eckhart Tolle**  
**Ken Wilber**

**Eckankar / Radhasoami / Sant Mat**  
**Scientology**  
**Angels** [New Age]  
**Findhorn**  
**Reiki**  
**Telepathy**  
**I Ching**  
**Mantra chanting**  
**Meditation, Yoga and Contemplative Prayer**  
**Hypnotism and NLP** (Neuro-linguistic programming)  
**Out-of-Body Travel** (in any form)  
**Dream interpretation** [some are cleverly disguised New Age manuals]  
**Astrology** (Babylonian, Chinese etc)  
**Shamanism**  
**Reincarnation, past life recall and 'life between lives'**  
**Wicca**  
**Tarot**  
**The Goddess** (including the **Catholic Marian Cult**)  
**Karma**  
The poetry of **Rumi** and **Hafiz**.

New Age or neo-Christian books promoted by **Oprah Winfrey**.

Also, many supposedly Christian authors are heavily promoting New Age ideas, in particular the idea that all is one, that ecumenism is the way forward, that evil is relative, and that God is a God of love only and not a God of judgement. These include **CS Lewis, Billy Graham, Benny Hinn, Joel Osteen, and Rick Warren**.

Many books on psychology and psychoanalysis are also disguised vehicles for New Age ideas. Chief among these are those written by **Carl Jung** and his followers.

If I paint a harsh picture, it is because the reality *is* harsh. Anyone who gets wrapped up in these movements, or even flits around the edges, is taking a real risk with his or her spiritual welfare. The one thing Satan wants is for all of his potential victims to depart so far from the protection of Christ that, when his demons strike, they have no defence.

Would you play with a Ouija board? Of course not. So why play with one of the many New Age paths, each of which is nothing more than a Ouija board, a demon gate, in disguise? What a Ouija board does quickly for low order demons, a New Age path does slowly for higher order demons.

Satan is no fool. He expects to get a return on every dollar he spends. And he is investing heavily in the New Age movement. Why? Because it is yielding spectacular returns.

## About the author

I was raised a Catholic to age 19, and then joined Eckankar, a New Age religion which I followed for the next 33 years. The LORD saved me on 1 August 2008 when, during a trip to Africa, I was subjected to a dark Satanic attack by a coven of witches. (This attack, along with certain related matters, is described in a letter reproduced by Ruth and Noah Samuelson in their paper, *The Dark Side of Eckankar*). Some of the witches, if not all, were members of Eckankar.

Having studied and taught Eckankar for 33 years, I am very familiar with the philosophy and aims of the New Age movement. Two of my books were published by Eckankar, and two others were accepted for publication before I withdrew them. I served as the official leader of Eckankar in Ireland, a 'RESA,' for 22 years and was the invited guest speaker at 14 international Eckankar seminars. At the time I resigned from Eckankar I had the 'rank' of 7<sup>th</sup> initiate.

The books published by Eckankar, under the pen name 'Robert Marsh,' were *We Are Not Alone* (1994) and *Unfold Your Golden Wings* (2003). If you possess either of these, I strongly suggest you throw them in the trash can – where they belong. I also compiled a book published by Harold Klemp, the leader of Eckankar, called, *Animals Are Soul Too*. This too is riddled with falsehood. Animals are not Soul as we are. Only man is made in the image of God.

After I survived the Satanic attack, through the grace and protection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I woke up to the massive deception that I was involved in. The LORD then showed me, step by step, the countless errors I had made and the astonishing purity and perfection of his holy word, as recorded in the Authorised (or King James) Bible.

I saw that Eckankar was a complete spiritual fraud, a cult concocted in its totality by the plagiarist and social misfit, Paul Twitchell, and carried on in a cleverly modified form by his successor, the current 'master' and false prophet, Harold Klemp.

The people who follow Eckankar are, for the most part, well-meaning and upright individuals – exactly the kind Satan wants to keep from Christianity.

The New Age movement as a whole is a great deception, with potentially catastrophic consequences for all who participate in it.

### **Links to the 2 articles on Eckankar by Ruth and Noah Samuelson**

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